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CITY, 3CDC PLAN TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR SATURDAY CELEBRATION OF FOUNTAIN SQUARE'S RE-OPENING

***Traffic to be restricted on Vine, Fifth and Walnut Streets; Pedestrian access
to Hotels and Retailers will be maintained***

CINCINNATI, October 12, 2006 – The City of Cincinnati and The Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC) today announced plans to temporarily close several streets around Fountain Square from 6 a.m. on Friday, October 13 until 6 a.m. on Sunday, October 15 for this Saturday's Fountain Square re-opening celebration. "This event will be our city's last big street festival of the season," said Bill Donabedian, 3CDC Managing Director of Fountain Square.

Fifth Street will be closed from Race Street to Walnut Street.

Vine Street will be closed to through traffic from Fourth Street to Sixth Street. However, access to the Westin Hotel parking garage will be permitted from Fourth Street. Two-way traffic will be allowed on the half-block of Vine Street between Sixth Street and the newly renovated Fountain Square garage. The Fountain Square garage will be open and available starting Saturday. Motorists will be able to enter the garage at the Vine Street entrance or the Walnut Street entrance.

The block of Walnut Street between Sixth and Fifth Streets will be restricted to a single lane. Walnut between Fifth and Fourth Streets will be closed to through traffic.

Pedestrian access to all hotels and retailers in the area will be maintained. Buses will also be rerouted and riders will find specific directions posted at the affected stops or they can board buses at stops outside the affected area such as the new Government Square terminal. The pre-scheduled NCCJ Walk slated to go through the area Saturday morning will proceed as planned.

Motorists are encouraged to reduce their speed and use caution when approaching the area.

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